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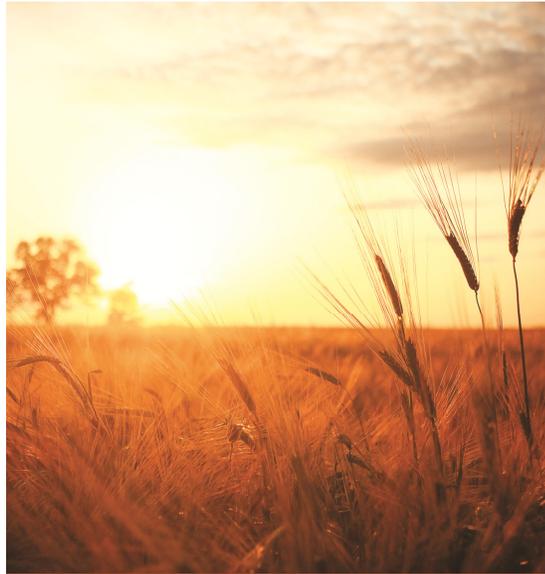
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MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Catholic faith community of St. Teresa of Avila parish, guided by the Holy Spirit, commit ourselves to proclaim and follow the Good News of Jesus Christ. Basing our lives on faith, hope and love, we seek to meet our needs and the spiritual and corporal needs of those around us. It is our humble prayer that our lives will be visible signs of His presence in the world as we celebrate Christ in His Word and Sacraments.



“The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones.” - Lk 16:10

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MASS SCHEDULE

<i>Sunday Liturgies</i>	8:00 AM, 10:15 AM
<i>Saturday Vigil</i>	4:30 PM
<i>Weekday Liturgies</i>	
<i>Daily</i>	8:00 AM, except Wednesday 5:30 PM
<i>Saturday</i>	9:00 AM
<i>Vigil of Holy Days</i>	5:30 PM
<i>Holy Days</i>	8:00 AM; 7:30 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 3:45 to 4:15 p.m.

First Saturday 8:15 to 8:45 a.m.

Vigil of Holy Days 4:45 to 5:15 p.m.

or anytime by request.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

As preparation for Baptism, parents are asked to contact the parish office to make an appointment with the Pastor.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements to be made at the Rectory 6 months in advance.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Please register at the Rectory as soon as you move within the parish.

Note: If you are moving out of the parish, please notify the Rectory.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

These letters needed for Baptismal and Confirmation sponsors are issued gladly to those who have been registered for 6 months, attend Mass regularly, have been confirmed, if married, have done so in conformity with the Church laws, and children attend Religious Education.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, September 23 - St. Pius of Pietrelcina

8:00 Gertrude Zelma

Tuesday, September 24

8:00 Tom and Amy Bergman -
Anniversary Blessings *by family*

Wednesday, September 25

5:30 Ted Ianni *by family*

Thursday, September 26 - Ss. Cosmas and Damian

8:00 Mary Patricia Paxon *by Bill Paxon and Susan Molinari*

Friday, September 27 - St. Vincent de Paul

8:00 In Memory of Gertrude and Andrew Korszykowski *by the Estate of Gertrude Bartels*

Saturday, September 28 - St. Wenceslaus and St. Lawrence Ruiz

9:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa's
4:30 Mac McCarriagher *by wife*

Sunday, September 29 - The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 Leonard and Alice Rejewski *by The Flumerfeldt Family*

10:15 Charles Raymond Groff, Sr. *by Jean Haun*

Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - Ezra 1:1-6; Luke 8:16-18; **Tuesday** - Ezra 6:7-8 12b, 14-20; Luke 8:19-21; **Wednesday** - Ezra 9:5-9; Luke 9:1-6; **Thursday** - Haggai 1:1-8; Luke 9:7-9; **Friday** - Haggai 2:1-9; Luke 9:18-22; **Saturday** - Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a; Luke 9:43b-45; **Sunday** - Amos 6:1a, 4-7; 1 Timothy 6:11-16; Luke 16:19-31

We have several weekday and a few Sunday 8:00 am Masses available in the upcoming months. Please call the Rectory any weekday morning to get your preferred dates.



Last call for the 150th Anniversary Formal Dinner at Sean Patrick's! Please return your RSVP form this weekend by dropping into the collection basket. If you've misplaced your invitation, you can print one from our parish website. If you forgot to bring the card this weekend, leave us a message by Monday morning at the rectory 542-9103. We've had a lot of responses, and this is going to be an event to remember!

If you can't make the dinner, perhaps you can join us for the official Anniversary Mass on the Feast Day of St. Teresa of Avila, October 15th. This is a Tuesday night, and we'll schedule a special evening Mass at 7:00 p.m.

2019 is also a big year for my family. My parents are celebrating 50 years of marriage next weekend and will attend the special Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral with Bishop Malone. I obviously would like to be there with them and celebrate Mass at the bishop's side but how can I be in two places at once? Well, as the Bible says, God provides! My Uncle Joe is a Franciscan priest and is in town for the family party. So he'll be with you for the 10:15 parish Mass while I join my parents at the Cathedral altar.

And there's one more anniversary I haven't yet mentioned. It's 150 years for our parish, 50 years for my parents, AND... one year for Deacon Ron! It was exactly one year ago that Deacon Ron Adamczak joined us at Mass for the first time (his actual ordination date is September 15th).

Looking back on the year past I can see the difference our deacon has made, especially in running the RCIA process and the new energy it's brought to our community. His most visible role is at the altar, but he's helped me a great deal with advice behind the scenes. He's a wise man for his young age.

Congratulations and best wishes to Deacon Ron and his wife Sue, and thanks for the big impact you've made here in just a year's time! Lots more to come!

October is also coming, bringing that chilly but beautiful scenery - and also the annual Women's Guild Craft Show. This much-loved event will be Saturday, October 5th from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. I look forward to the Craft Show because it lets me stock up on gifts for the whole year. There's so many unique things you can't find in stores. Mark your calendars, and may God give us a peaceful autumn!

-Fr. Dave

Our Prayer Request for the Week: For the restoring of peace and unity in our Diocese; we pray to the Lord...



Please pray for the sick of the parish and their family members particularly; Lorraine Sylvester, Liam Williams, Doug Schifferle, Crystal Howard, Leah Howard, Whitey Spoth, Marygrace Marinello, Gini Klonowski, Phil Wittman, Sterling McCarriagher, Donna Hahn, David Johnson, Sister Bea Leising and for the happy repose of the soul of Patricia Parsons. Please also continue to pray for our troops who are serving our country throughout the world.

Religious Education: Notice that the second reading at Mass is from the Letter of St. Paul to Timothy, not unusual at first glance but noteworthy in that it was also a selection from this letter that was proclaimed at Mass last Sunday and at all the Masses during this past week. Look it up in your Bible at home. It can be found in the New Testament section and is only six chapters long. Paul writes with great pastoral concern.

St. Teresa's Women's Guild will be holding their **Annual Country Craft Show** on Saturday, October 5th from 10:00 am until 3:30 pm. There will be a variety of new crafters so come and browse for gifts or decorating ideas. Take a chance at our raffles, buy some delicious baked goods or sit and relax and enjoy their home-made soups or hot roast beef sandwiches and desserts for lunch.

St. Teresa's Bible Study - resumes Monday, October 7th at 7 pm or Thursday, October 11th at 8:45 am for 8 weeks. We will study the Gospel of Matthew. Please call the Rectory to sign up today!

40-Days for Life Campaign in Buffalo starts Wednesday, September 25 and runs through Sunday, November 3. Our vigil will be at 2500 Main St., Buffalo from 7 am-7 pm and from 8 am-5 pm Sundays. To sign up, visit www.40daysforlife.com/buffalo. Help save lives and join our peaceful, prayerful, ecumenical witness for LIFE. For information, contact Dolly Verdi at 716-868-2029.

Healing Mass on Wednesday, September 25 at 7 pm at Sacred Heart of Jesus, 5337 Genesee Street, Bowmansville. Please come and experience the healing power of Jesus in your life.

Great Expectations Wine Tasting - Saturday, September 28 at Our Lady of Peace Church in Clarence. You are cordially invited to their Annual Wine and Hors D'oeuvre Tasting and Auction. Enjoy wine and food from local restaurants while partaking in a basket raffle, silent auction, reverse wine raffle and more. Tickets are \$25 per person, \$35 at the door. You must be 21 years of age or older to attend. For more information, call 759-8554.

The Department of Pro-Life Activities invites you to the Diocesan Respect Life Chain on Sunday, October 6 at 2:00 pm along Niagara Falls Boulevard. For more information on where St. Teresa's will be standing this year, please contact Jen Brennan, our Pro-Life representative at 542-5892.

St. John's Catholic Store in Lockport will be closing its doors on December 13th. The store is located at 168 Chestnut Street, Lockport and is open on Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 am until 3 pm and on Sundays from 9 am until 1 pm. All merchandise will be 50% off until sold out.

☺ Two guys on a double bike were pedaling up a hill. It took forever to get to the top. When they finally got to the top the first guy said in a pant, "Whew, that was so hard." The second replied, "Yeah, good thing I was pushing the brakes the whole time or we would have rolled down backwards."



- **Sunday, September 22 - Religious Education Classes 9:00 - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm**
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Prayer for Vocations

Almighty and eternal God, in your unfailing love you provide ministers for your Church. We pray for those whom you call to serve the Church as priests. Inspire in them a generous response. Grant them courage and vision to serve your people. May their lives and service call your people to respond to the presence of your Spirit among us that, faithful to the Gospel and hope of Jesus the Christ, we may: announce glad tidings to the poor proclaim liberty to captives, set prisoners free and renew the face of the earth.

We make many choices in life. The most important choice we must make is whether we will follow God's voice or one of the many other misleading ones. We cannot choose both! Which will you choose? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Lauricella at 847-5535.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"If we don't raise our children to be morally upright, first and foremost, then we miss the point of parenthood entirely. There are enough financially successful, popular, and 'happy' villains in the world already. What we lack are saints!"
~Leila Miller